

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC B219 Horace WEEDON

Private 14903
2nd battalion Grenadier Guards
Died in France 14th September 1914

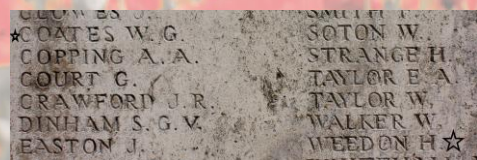
Horace was born in St Pauls, Luton, Bedfordshire circa 1892, he was the son of Jethro (John) and Sarah Ann (nee Whitmore) of 53, Wimbourne Road, Luton

Horace enlisted in the army in London and was a Private in the Grenadier Guards, when he completed his service, he joined Birmingham City Police on 19th November 1913, a 21 year-old-gas fitter

Horace served on the B Division at Ladywood Police Station with warrant number was 8407 and collar number PC B219

Horace was recalled to service on 4th August 1914 at Blenheim Barracks, Aldershot. He was immediately drafted to France aboard the SS Cawdor Castle, and arrived at Le Havre 9 days later, on 13th August

Horace was involved in the same action as Private 14909 Walter Coates, also serving with the 2nd btn Grenadier Guards, a fellow police constable of Birmingham City Police. Horace died on the 14th September and Walter two days later, on the 16th Their army service numbers were only 6 numbers apart, 14903 and 14909



Horace is commemorated at La Ferte sous Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France on the same panel alongside his colleague PC Walter Coates



THE LATE PTE. H. WEEDON, Killed in action, between Sept. 14th and 16th. G. WEEDON, "Now serving in R.M.S. "Powerful." THE LATE PTE. J. WEEDON, Killed in action, Oct. 27th.

Horace Weedon George Weedon Jack Weedon

Mr and Mrs Weedon sadly lost three of their four sons, within 2 months of each other. Horace and Jack were killed in the war and 12 year old Frank died from diptheria. This was whilst their fourth son George, was serving in the Royal Navy aboard HMS Powerful

Horace was killed in action aged 22 in France on 14th September 1914. The day before his parents received the news of his death, their 12 year old son Frank, died aged 12 from diptheria on October 12th 1914

His brother Jack was also killed in action, aged 21 whilst serving with 1st Bedfordshire Regiment on October 27th 1914 following a gunshot wound to his head



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